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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	10991398-1
	Confirmation No.	5729
	First Named Inventor	ILSLEY, DIANE D.
	Application Number	09/919,643
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	Group Art Unit	1639
	Examiner Name	Liu, Sue Xu
	Title:	"Methods For Depositing Small Volumes Of Protein Fluids Onto The Surface Of A Substrate"

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 22, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this reply due by November 22, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.